INTERAGENCY FIRECODE SYSTEM PROJECT
JUNE UPDATE
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Congressional direction was given to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to standardize fire incident project codes.

An interagency project team was formed and is hard at work on this project. The members of the project team represent the dispatch community, financial, and fire business programs.

The FireCode System will be a web-based application accessed by the dispatch community to generate fire codes. The FireCode will be part of the agency's accounting string so there is a common number to query for expenditures for large fires. The code issued from the system will be four characters, alpha/numeric. Each agency's financial representatives will establish that code into their financial centers through agency specific direction.

The project team is currently developing the user guidelines for the system which will apply to all dispatch centers, and agency specific requirements for both the dispatch community to follow and financial/administrative personnel.

Information is being posted to a web page that will provide current information and progress reports.

The contract for the design, development, and implementation (operations and maintenance) was awarded in May to Booz, Allen, and Hamilton. The Software Requirements Specifications have been drafted and will be finalized within a few weeks. Upon completion and acceptance by the project manager, development will begin.

The project will be completed and implemented by October 1, 2003. Training will begin in August. It should be very basic, and will take place at local units. The project team is approaching this required change in business from the perspective of keeping it as simple and efficient as possible.

Additional updates will be provided in the future.

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